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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS - Dept., for Women, Children, Differently Abled & Senior Citizens - Smt. K.Leelavathi, Project Director, DW&CDA and 05 others - Complaint No.4299/2015/B2 filed before the Hon'ble Lokayukta by Smt.P.Nirmala, for misappropriation of Govt., funds to a tune of Rs.74,69,060-00 without receipt of stocks (**Pressure Cookers to AWCs in Kadapa District**) - Departmental proceedings initiated under A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991- Initiation of common disciplinary proceedings under Rule – 24 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – A.O expired - Inquiry - Ordered- Report received – Abatement of further action – Orders – Issued.

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DEPTT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS (ESTT)

G.O.RT.No.176. Dated:26-12-2022.

Read the followings:-

1. Interim orders of the Hon'ble Upa – Lokayukta dated 04-02-2016 in Complaint No.4299/2015/B2, received through Lokayukta Lr.Dis No.4299/2015/B2/1783/2016, dated 18.02.2016
2. Govt. Memo.No.234/Estt.A3/2016, dated 09-05-2016 & 16-07-2016.
3. From Spl. Commissioner, W.D & C.W., A.P., Lr.No.5633/V/2015, dated 12-08-2016.
4. Written Statement of Defence submitted by Smt.P.Bharathi, Smt. P.Nirmala, Smt.P.Ramadevi and Smt.C.Sreemathamma, CDPOs.
5. G.O.Rt.No.251-256, Dept., for WCDA & SC, dated 19.12.2018. (A.o.C. to C.Os)
6. G.O.Rt.No.123, Deptt., for WCDA & SC, dated 26.6.2020. (Appointment of Inquiry Officer)
7. Inquiry Report of Smt. R. Sreelatha, E.O & JD (Admn) dated 27.04.2021 received on 22.06.2021.
8. Govt. Memo.No.234/Estt.A3/2016-1, dated 27-08-2021.
9. Memo. No.WDC02-12022/63/2018-DC-WDCW, dated: 08-09-2021
10. Lr.No.WDC02-12022/63/2018-DC-WDCW, dt:18.09.2019 of the Director, WD&CW.

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ORDER:-

Smt.P.Nirmala, filed a Complaint petition before the Hon'ble A.P. Lokayukta, by leveling certain allegations of mis – appropriation of huge amount of Rs.73,94,369/- in purchasing of pressure cookers to the AWCs in Kadapa District, by Smt. K. Leelavathi, former Project Director, D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa and certain complaints of women harassing and others by using filthy language leveled against Sri N.V. Raghava Rao, Project Director, D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Special Commissioner, WD&CW, has furnished the remarks of the Collector, Kadapa, on the inquiry report dt:10.11.2015 submitted by a team of Inquiry Officers headed by Smt. Nazneen Bhanu on the above allegations and the following are the final remarks of the Dist. Collector.

I. The allegations made by five CDPOs against Sri N.V.Raghava Rao, P.D., D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa, are far away from the truth, without any substantial evidences deserves.
II. Disciplinary action is being initiated against Smt. K. Leelavathi, the then P.D., D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa.
III. Five CDPOs may be deputed / transferred to some other district.

3. After considering the position informed by the Spl. Commr, WD&CW, a common disciplinary proceedings was initiated under Rule – 24 (1) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in respect of **(i)** Smt. K. Leelavathi, P.D., D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa **(ii)** Smt. V. Arunakumari, CDPO, ICDS Project, Kadapa, **(iii)** Smt. Sreemathamma, CDPO, ICDS Project, Kamalapuram, Kadapa, **(iv)** Smt. P.Ramadevi, CDPO, ICDS Project, L.R. Palli, Kadapa, **(v)** Smt. P. Bharathi, CDPO, ICDS Project, Rayachoti, Kadapa and **(vi)** Smt. P. Nirmala, CDPO, ICDS Project, Sidhipet, Kadapa, as they were held responsible for misappropriation of Govt. funds to a tune of **Rs.74,69,060/-** by supplying of unsafe and unbranded pressure cookers instead of "Prestige" brand pressure cookers to the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) in Kadapa; payment of bills by the then Project Director, D.W & C.D.A., Kadapa to M/s M & S Enterprises, Kadapa, before supplying the cookers to the Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) issue of false delivery certificates by the five Child Development Project Officers (C.D.P.Os), as they cannot be pleaded ignorance.

4. In the Written Statement of Defences 4th read above, the Charged Officers have submitted their Written Statements of Defence, after following due procedure appointed the Joint Director (Admn), WD&CW Dept., Guntur, as Inquiry Officer vide G.O 6th read above. Subsequently, the I.O has submitted her report vide letter 7th read above.

5. In the Inquiry Report, the charges against Late Smt. K.Leelavathi, Project Director, i.e (1) that she made advance payment to the suppliers (2) failed to take action against M/s M.S. Enterprises, Proddatur for not supplying the pressure cookers even after lapses of six to nine months of time, though the total cost of cookers was paid to them (3) failed to take action against M/s M.S Enterprises for not supplying branded cookers, **were held proved.** The charges against the remaining C.Os viz.,. 1) Smt. V. Arunakumari presently working as C.D.P.O, I.C.D.S Project, Kadapa Urban, (2) Smt. C. Sreemathamma presently working as A.C.D.P.O, I.C.D.S Project, Rayachoti, (3) Smt. P. Rama Devi presently working as C.D.P.O, I.C.D.S Project, Kadapa Rural, (4) Smt. P. Bharathi C.D.P.O who retired from service on Superannuation on 30-06-2019 and (5) Smt. P. Nirmala presently working as C.D.P.O, I.C.D.S Project, Rajampet of Y.S.R District, that they are responsible for supply of unbranded pressure cookers instead of Prestige cookers by giving false certificate which show their carelessness, negligence **held proved**. In addition to the above charge, a separate charge against Smt. P. Rama Devi presently working as C.D.P.O, I.C.D.S Project, Kadapa Rural, i.e failed to deposit unspent amount to the Govt., Account in time is also **held proved**.

6. In the memo. 8th read above, the Director, W.D&C.W, has been informed to communicate a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officers (1) Smt. V. Arunakumari presently working as C.D.P.O, I.C.D.S Project, Kadapa Urban, (2) Smt. C. Sreemathamma presently working as A.C.D.P.O, ICDS Project, Rayachoti, (3) Smt. P. Rama Devi presently working as CDPO, I.C.D.S Project, Kadapa Rural, (4) Smt. P. Bharathi, C.D.P.O who retired from service on Superannuation on 30-06-2019 and (5) Smt. P. Nirmala presently working as C.D.P.O, I.C.D.S Project, Rajampet of Y.S.R District, so as to enable them to submit their further written representation thereon within 15 days of time and furnish the same to the Govt., for taking further course of action in the matter.

7. In response to the Govt., memo, the Director, W.D&C.W has stated that the inquiry report has been communicated to the Charged Offers vide O/o Memo. No.WDC02-12022/63/2018-DC-WDCW, dated: 08-09-2021, to submit their further written representations on the inquiry report within 15 days. All the Charged Offers have submitted their explanations (except Late Smt. K.Leelavathi) on the inquiry report.

8. In the letter 10th read above, the Director, WD&CW, while enclosing the death report issued by M/s. Alexis Multi Specialty Hospital, Nagpur has stated that Smt. K. Leelavathi expired on **24.07.2019** at M/s. Alexis Multi Specialty Hospital, Nagpur, due to failure of Liver Transplantation operation.

9. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby decided and order to abate further disciplinary action against Smt. K. Leelavathi, former Project Director, DW&CDA, Kadapa, in the present case, as she expired on 24.07.2019, duly adjusting the financial loss caused to the Govt., exchequer from the pensionary benefits of the deceased officer Smt. K. Leelavathi, former Project Director.

10. The Director, W.D&C.W, shall take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M T KRISHNA BABU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (I/c)

To
The Director, W.D&C.W, Guntur.
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The Hon'ble A.P. Lokayukta,
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SF/SC.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER